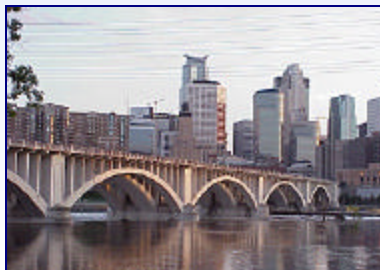


Minneapolis-St. Paul, Cities of Lakes

The Minneapolis-St. Paul area has long been noted for its high quality of life. Fortune magazine annually ranks the Twin Cities among the top four places in the nation to balance business and family.

The metropolitan area has a population of approximately two million people and offers a full range of cultural activities, including theatres, museums, fine restaurants, institutes of higher learning, and numerous professional sports teams.

Whatever your interests, from fine dining and world-class theatre to four season outdoor activities and peaceful wilderness retreats, there is something here for everyone.



Downtown Minneapolis

Eligibility and Benefits

Candidates must be board eligible in internal medicine. Health care benefits and vacation are provided as well as personal work space with full office support and access to CCDOR resources.



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General Internal Medicine Fellowship

at the

**Minneapolis Veterans
Affairs Center for
Chronic Disease
Outcomes Research**

and the

University of Minnesota



Center for Chronic Disease
Outcomes Research, a VA Health
Services Research Center
of Excellence

Purpose

The purpose of our Fellowship is to prepare board eligible internal medicine physicians for careers in academic general medicine. The Fellowship program is designed to provide training and experience in three major areas: clinical research, medical education, and general medicine and ambulatory health care delivery.

Program Emphasis

The program emphasizes a nurturing environment by providing close mentoring. This allows fellows the opportunity to acquire the research and teaching skills necessary to develop successful careers in academic General Medicine. Fellows will spend 80% of their time learning research and teaching methods and conducting research.

Description

The Section of General Internal Medicine at the Minneapolis VAMC and the University of Minnesota has sponsored a fellowship program in General Internal Medicine and Ambulatory Care since 1985. The fellowship is funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs and is a consortium of the VA Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research (CCDOR) [one of 12 national Health Services Research Centers of Excellence], the School of Public Health and the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota. This program draws upon the resources and expertise in research, clinical care, and medical education available throughout the University of Minnesota. General Medicine and CCDOR currently have 45 funded projects and an annual budget of over \$7 million.

Training/Experience in Clinical Research and Scholarship

Course Work

Fellows complete coursework that will lead to an MPH or MSHS degree through the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and Graduate School.

Conferences

Each month, fellows participate in journal clubs as well as research, teaching, and clinical conferences and workshops.

Independent Research Projects

Fellows develop, pursue and complete 2-3 independent research projects with the guidance of mentors of their choosing.

Training in Medical Education

Fellows gain expertise in medical education including program development and evaluation. Fellows participate in workshops and seminars, directed independent reading and clinical experience with feedback from faculty.

Training in General Medicine

Fellows further their expertise in general medicine and chronic disease management. The fellowship offers a wide range of clinical experiences including a Women's Comprehensive Health Care Center and a Geriatric Rehabilitation and Education Clinical Center (GRECC).



Minneapolis VA Medical Center

Faculty

CCDOR currently comprises 20 core investigators, 4 affiliate investigators, 11 core support staff, and 26 project staff. The core investigators include ten General Medicine physicians, all with advanced training in research methodology and a substantial amount of protected time for research, who could serve as mentors. Non-physician core investigators include biostatisticians, health economists, behavioral scientists, health services researchers and epidemiologists.

Areas of Research Focus

- Designing and testing health systems innovations to improve quality and outcomes of care
- Evaluating the effect of medical interventions on patient outcomes (efficacy trials and systematic reviews)
- Defining the impact of patients' social and demographic characteristics on clinical decision making
- Designing interventions to enhance patient participation in health care decisions

Research methodology includes clinical trials, observational epidemiology, systematic reviews and meta-analysis, surveys, database analyses, and economic analyses.

Active Areas of Research

Disease Prevention/Health Promotion

*Preventive Cardiology *Vaccine Preventable Disease

*Cancer Detection and Prevention *Smoking Cessation

Prostate Disease and Urologic Malignancy

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment

Effects of Sexual Trauma/Harassment on Health and Resource Utilization

Patient Self-management

Quality of Care

Effect of Race/Ethnicity on Access to Care

Systems Intervention